

# EIGHTH US ARMY SAFETY ALERT 06-01

## SOLDIER BARELY ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY WHILE LIGHTING AN ARMY SPACE HEATER

On 8 January 2006, an Eighth US Army Soldier narrowly escapes serious injury when she relit a warm Army Space Heater. The heater flashed and burned her facial hair. The fact that the Soldier was wearing contact lens further complicated the incident.

Don't let this happen in your organization. Consider these actions to prevent similar incidents:

- ✓ Ensure personnel operating Army Space Heaters are trained and licensed. Make sure they know how to follow safe operating procedures as outlined in the TM. Most importantly, ensure standards are adhered to. [Click here](#) for an overview of safe heater operations or visit the [Eighth US Army Safety Website](#).
- ✓ Contact lens wear is prohibited during gas chamber exercises, field training, and combat. Leaders need to identify those soldiers that normally wear contact lenses and ensure they know the standards. [Click here](#) for contact lens safety awareness information or visit the [Eighth US Army Safety Website](#)

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